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Serial No. 09/611,717	Filing Date July 6, 2000	Examiner D. Heckentberg Jr.	Case No. 9281/3703
Inventor(s) Kimihiro Kukuchi et al.		Group Art Unit 1722	
Title of Invention PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER END FACE TREATMENT METHOD AND TREATMENT DEVICE			

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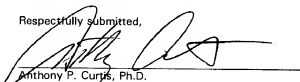
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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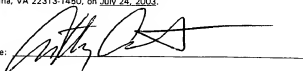
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kimihiko Kikuchi et al.

Serial No. 09/611,717

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For: PLASTIC OPTICAL FIBER END  
FACE TREATMENT METHOD  
AND TREATMENT DEVICE

Examiner: D. Heckenberg Jr.

Group Art Unit No.: 1722

### AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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